DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **AN ORTHO ESTER-BASED SURFACTANT, ITS PREPARATION AND USE**

the specification of which:

is attached hereto, and/or

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. All factual statements made in the specification of my own knowledge are true and all factual statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

I acknowledge to the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			Priority Claimed
9704755-9	Sweden	19 December 1997	x_YesNo
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year)	
	the benefit unde blication(s) listed	r Title 35, United States below:	s Code § 119 of any
Appln. Ser. No.	Count	ry Day/	Month Year

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT/SE98/02239	December 8, 1998	Pending
Appln. Ser. No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys of record, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office:

Louis A. Morris, Reg. No. 28,100 Ralph J. Mancini, Reg. No. 34,054 Joan M. McGillycuddy, Reg. No. 35,608 Richard P. Fennelly, Reg. No. 25,677 David H. Vickrey, Reg. No. 30,697 Lainie E. Parker, Reg. No. 36,123

Direct all correspondence to:

Ralph J. Mancini

Akzo Nobel Inc. Intellectual Property Department 7 Livingstone Avenue Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-3408 (914) 674-5465

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor, if any Karin Bergstrom
Inventor's signature Clean Buplion
Date 00-07-10
Residence Kungaly, Sweden
Citizenship Sweden
Doet Office Address - Pt 38,42 - S.442 - 95 Kungaly Sweden

Full name of second joint inventor Per-Erik Hellberg
Inventor's signature Per-Smy Wellberry
Date
Residence Svenshogen, Sweden
Citizenship Sweden
Post Office Address Hog 9055, S-444 97 Svenshogen, Sweden
Full name of third joint inventor
Inventor's signature
Date
Residence
Citizenship
Post Office Address
Full name of fourth joint inventor
Inventor's signature
Date
Residence
Citizenship
Post Office Address

PST6148dec.doc